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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SENATE PASSAGE OF STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL

THE SENATE YESTERDAY PASSED OUR AUTHORIZATION BILL BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, WITHOUT ROLL CALL VOTE OR DEBATE. MANSFIELD BROUGHT THE BILL UP WITHOUT NOTICE, AND SCOTT CONCURRED IN THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE PASSAGE. THE BILL AS PASSED INCLUDES THE CASE AMENDMENTS ON OVERSEAS BASES AND ON DIEGO GARCIA; THE MUSKIE AMENDMENT ON AUTHORITY OF AMBASSADORS; AND THE OTHER POLICY AND BUDGETARY AMENDMENTS ORIGINALLY ADDED BY THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. THE NEXT STEP IS HOUSE CONSIDERATION; HAYS WILL BEGIN WORK ON THE BILL AS SOON AS YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE. HAYS WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO US ON THE CASE AMENDMENT; HE FEELS IT WILL CARRY IN THE HOUSE. ON OTHER AMENDMENTS, HAYS VIEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. HE WILL BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE THE DIEGO GARCIA AMENDMENT IN CONFERENCE (THIS WILL NOT SOLVE THE DIEGO PROBLEM, BECAUSE THE CASE AMENDMENT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
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APPLY TO THE US-UK AGREEMENT).

2. HE WILL MAKE THE MUSKIE AMENDMENT ON AUTHORITY OF AMBASSADORS IDENTICAL TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER, THUS RESTORING THE "MILITARY CHANNELS" LOOPHOLE FOR INTELLI-

GENCE ACTIVITIES IF WE CAN CONVINCINGLY BRIEF HIM ON WHY WE NEED IT; HE WILL NOT HELP AT ALL IN A MOTION TO STRIKE THE WHOLE AMENDMENT ON THE ARGUMENT IT LEGISLATES IMPROPERLY IN THE AREA OF PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY.

3. HE WILL RESTORE THE 2 PERCENT CUT IN SALARIES AND EXPENSES, BUT WILL NOT FIGHT THE 10 PERCENT CUT IN MAAG'S AND MAY INCREASE THE 2 PERCENT IN OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL OVERSEAS.

4. HE WILL KILL THE PERCY AMENDMENT ON UNIFIED FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGETING.

5. HE WILL KILL THE MCGOVERN PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MATERIALS BUREAU.

6. HE SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PEARSON AMENDMENT REQUIRING FSO'S TO SERVE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR OTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FOR ONE TOUR, BUT WILL REVISE IT TO PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY WE NEED TO ADMINISTER IT CLEARLY.

7. HE WARNS THAT WE NEED HUMPHREY BADLY ON THE AID BILL, AND SAYS WE MUST BE FORTHCOMING ON THE HUMPHREY AMENDMENT CALLING FOR SUBMISSION OF A PHASE-OUT PLAN FOR VIETNAM AID. RUSH

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